DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Rs. 12 lakhs approximately.

(b) In another five months.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know how many coolies have been employed in this work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has varied from anything between 700 to 2,000.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether this is done on a contractual basis or departmentally?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are on petty contracts. There are large numbers of contractors for the work.

Aerodrome.

8. ❋ MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI *(Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of expenditure up to 30-10-1121 on the construction of Aerodrome at Trivandrum;

(b) the probable date on which the works connected with the Aerodrome are expected to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost of the whole work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* 4·54 lakhs.

(b) End of Vrischigom 1122 M. E.

(c) Rs. 12 lakhs approximately.

Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

9 ❋ MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the Aerodrome construction at Trivandrum commenced;

(b) what more time is required for the completion of the same;

(c) whether any contractor is entrusted with any work in respect of the Aerodrome; and

(d) if so, who that contractor is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* November 1945.

(b) About 5 months.

(c) and *(d)* Yes. A number of contractors are entrusted with the work such as supply and conveyance of materials, spreading and consolidation of materials, laying concrete etc.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Sir, the answer to part *(d)* of the question is: "Yes. A number of contractors are entrusted with the work such as supply and conveyance of materials, spreading and consolidation of materials, laying concrete, etc." I wanted to know who the contractors were.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a large number. It was not thought worth while compiling a long list.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED *(Quilon* cum *Kottarakara)*: What was the difficulty for enlisting new labourers?

DEWAN BAHADUR L VENKATAKRISHNAN: First of all, we took all the army labourers when they were being disbanded. They worked on it about three weeks and suddenly they disappeared. We did not

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